

GIRL SUES LOVER FOR HEART BALM

Miss Katie Hargert Seeks to Recover \$10,000 for Alleged Breach of Promise.

WAITED FOR REASONABLE TIME

(Claims Christ Andrews Refuses to Carry Out Agreement to Become Her Husband.)

Alleging breach of promise, Miss Katie Hargert of this city brought suit in circuit court this morning for \$10,000 damages against Christ Andrews, South Rock Island gardener. H. A. Weld is the attorney.

It is the claim of Miss Hargert that at the request of the defendant she became engaged to him on Jan. 1 this year, with the understanding that the marriage would take place in a "reasonable time." Believing that from January to August was long enough to wait, Miss Hargert alleges on the latter date, she reminded the defendant of his promise, but declares that he refused then and still refuses to have the knot tied, although she is willing to carry out her part of the arrangement. Miss Hargert came to this country from Germany not long ago.

Files Declaration.

Declaration in the suit which Ernest C. Townsend has brought against George King and Harvey Abner for \$5,000 damages, was filed in circuit court today. The suit was filed some months ago. It is made that Mr. King as electrical inspector, tore out electrical work which the plaintiff was putting in the home of Charles Samson, before the job had been completed and that in addition to hurting the business reputation of the plaintiff, the latter was forced to pay out \$500 to replace the damage alleged to have been done by the inspector and his assistants. A. H. Kohler is the attorney.

HAD LOTS OF FUN SAYS H. SINCLAIR

Former Fed Magistrate on Way to Oklahoma Denies That Losses Amounted to \$3,000,000.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—"I'm out of baseball, but I went out the front door," said Harry Sinclair, principal financial backer of the Federal league, who arrived in St. Louis yesterday on his way to Oklahoma. "I got in the game because I liked it and because a crowd of men who were heavily interested in the Newark team thought he could use some of my money to get started. It has been great fun."

"The real fun was when I've heard statements that the Federal league lost \$3,000,000 this year. That's foolishness. We came out all right."

Sinclair announced he would sell Denny-Kauf, Lee Magee and Anderson of the Brooklands to the highest bidder. "I won't have any trouble getting rid of them," he said. "If I can't sell them I will take them down to Oklahoma and let them drill for oil six days a week and play ball on Sunday. There might be worse ways of making a living."

Sinclair P. Britton, president of the Cardinals, conferred with Sinclair, but denied he was after the players. "We have too many players with the Cardinals," he said.

The Federal's Newark park has been turned over to the American and National leagues, Sinclair said. He said the New York team probably would play Sunday baseball there.

PERSONAL POINTS

George Nicholas, a former resident of this city who has been living in Hudson Falls, N. Y., for the last five years, arrived here yesterday. He will spend the winter with his brother, Dr. J. H. Nicholas.

Julius Faux of Keokuk, Iowa, is a guest of Rock Island friends over Christmas.

Ralph D. MacManus, managing editor of the Ottumwa (Iowa) Courier, has joined his family in Rock Island to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rustin Carrier have returned from their bridal trip to Michigan.

H. C. Willerton, chief clerk at the New Harper, has gone to Bloomington to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ingram and son, Bernard leave Saturday evening for New Orleans to be gone until after New Year's.

Miss Bessie Couch and Miss Blanche Ferguson left this morning for Chicago to spend a few days.

Bruce E. Duinell, who is a student at Northwestern law school, Chicago, is at home for the holidays.

State's Attorney F. E. Thompson has come to Rock Island, Ill., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Albert Livingston, a student at the University of Illinois, has come home to remain for the holiday vacation.

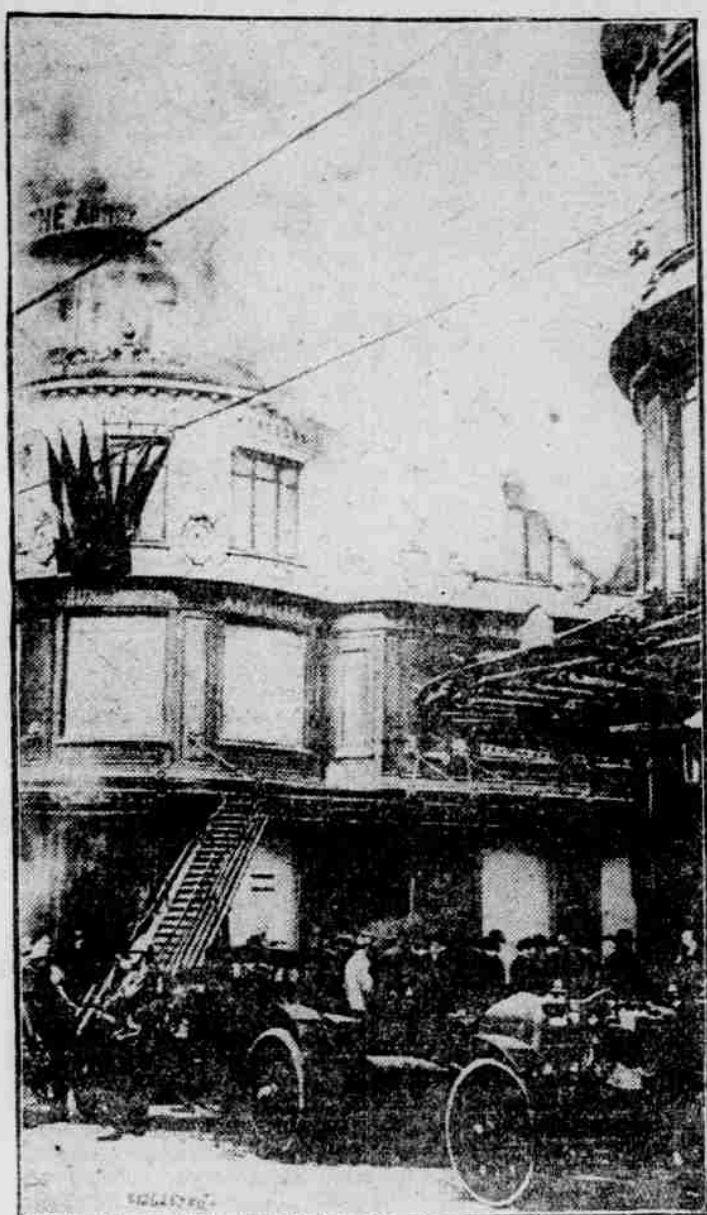
Miss Grace Bromley of Washington, D. C., arrived today in Rock Island to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ellen C. Bromley, 1049 Twenty-second street.

Jay and Ernie MacManus are home from Mason City, Iowa, to spend the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. D. P. Richardson of Hoopston, Ill., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Richardson, 1923 Ninth and a half avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Trump of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. S. P.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS RESCUED FROM FIRE



The burning of the Bon Marche, Paris.

A disastrous fire broke out in an annex of the Bon Marche, Paris, and spread rapidly to a part of the building which was being utilized as a hospital for wounded soldiers. Fortunately the ninety wounded soldiers who were in the building were rescued through with the greatest difficulty.

Holmes of Chicago, arrived this noon to spend the holidays with Mrs. Elizabeth Coyne of the city.

Philip H. Bruner is spending the holidays with relatives in this city. Mrs. J. E. Cronch of Arkansas will spend Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. Ben Channon and Mrs. Joe Collier, of Sears.

Mrs. K. M. Smith of Peoria is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. T. Reardon, 1807 Fifteenth street.

WIFE USES BOWL, HUSBAND LAID UP

Mrs. George Bastunas of Moline Strikes Her Mate on the Head With a Sugar Holder.

HERSELF PAINFULLY INJURED

Daughter Is Also Victim of Family Row and Is Hysterical—Police Called to the Home.

George Bastunas, 1908 Fourth avenue, Moline, is in the city hospital with severe cuts in his head. His wife has a swollen and stiff neck and his 15-year-old step-daughter is hysterical today after having been unconscious for several hours yesterday, as a result of a battle royal that broke out in Bastunas' home yesterday afternoon.

It is learned that there has been trouble in the family for some time. A few nights ago the husband, who owns a restaurant in Moline, applied to the police, asking them to force an entrance to his home. His wife had locked him out, he said.

Mrs. Bastunas made serious charges against her husband, asserting that he had several times attempted to attack her 15-year-old daughter.

The trouble came to a climax yesterday afternoon when, according to Mrs. Bastunas, her husband choked her and beat her.

She was losing consciousness, she says, when her daughter interfered. Bastunas turned and struck the girl a heavy blow in the temple. It is said she fell to the floor unconscious and remained so for several hours.

Husband Is Disabled.

The short respite enabled Mrs. Bastunas to seize a sugar bowl, which she says she threw back over her shoulder striking her husband on the head. Police say, however, that from the appearance of the man's head and from the fact that the woman's hand is cut, they believe she struck him several times with it.

Today Mrs. Bastunas' neck was swollen and was so stiff she could not turn her head.

After being hit with the sugar bowl in the hands of his wife, Bastunas fled. Police were called immediately and found the girl unconscious. They started out to find Bastunas.

A few hours later they discovered his whereabouts. He was in the Moline city hospital where he had gone to have his wounds cared for. He will be there several days. When he is released he will be arrested on a warrant sworn to by his wife.

To Adopt Cooperative Plan.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The International Harvester company announced a plan today to assist its 35,000 employees to become stockholders and sharers in the company profits.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

INMATES TO HAVE HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Wards of County Who Live at Infirmary to Have Special Dinner and Supper.

HOLD EXERCISES IN EVENING

Superintendent Wylie Has Provided Big Tree and Address Will Be Given By Rev. Schultz.

Inmates of the Rock Island county infirmary, located in Coal Valley, are going to have a pleasant Christmas tomorrow. Superintendent Frank Wylie, who always provides "feasts" and exercises for the inmates on each holiday, has arranged a program which is sure to bring joy into the hearts of those who are dependent upon the county.

At 7 o'clock in the evening an oyster supper will be provided. Oysters, mashed potatoes, celery, bread and butter, apple sauce, assorted cakes and tea and milk will be served.

Exercises at Tree.

When this report is concluded Christmas exercises will be held. Mr. Wylie has secured a large Christmas tree which is to be decorated and Rev. Mr. Schultz, of Sherrard, will deliver an address.

City Briefs

Tri-City Towel Supply company. Buy a home of Reidy Bros.

For express, call William Trefz.

Woman's Exchange, Mrs. N. P. Tucker, chairman. Phone, R. 1, 2957 before 10 A. M.

Fraternal

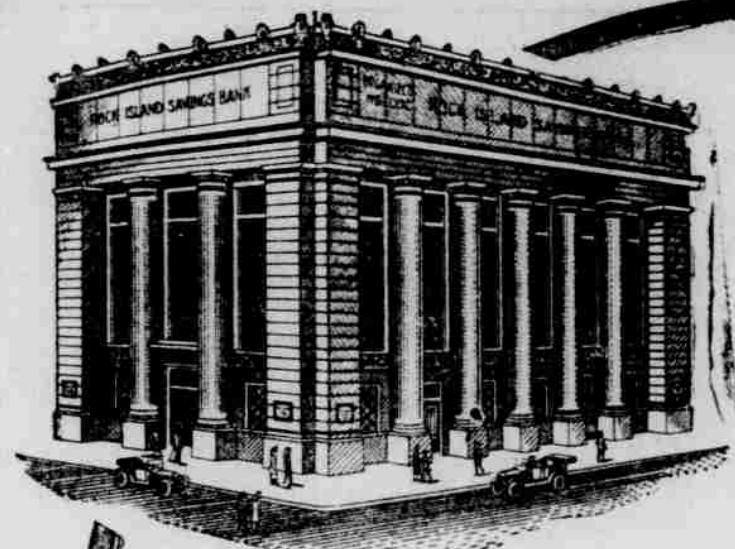
Arrangements have been completed by the committee in charge of the Woodmen of the World class adoption, to be held next Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellows' hall. The full protection degree of the order will be exemplified by the team and officers of camp No. 35 and a large attendance of members is expected. After Jan. 1 all meetings of the camp and Grove No. 27, W. C., will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall and the dates of meeting will be announced as soon as arranged.

Killed By Elevator.

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 24.—James Bowman, aged 53, employed at the Burlington Wheel company had his skull crushed by a falling elevator today, death being instantaneous. He was looking down the elevator shaft and did not notice the car approaching from above.

Jury Hold Negro Guilty.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 24.—Henry Hopkins, colored, was found guilty today of the murder of Galesburg's chief of police, T. L. Mathews. The jury after 19 hours' deliberation, fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.



To All Our Old Friends

who have been loyal for many years, who have helped us and whom we have helped as best we knew;

And to the newer friends whom we will cherish through the years until they become old friends;

And to you whose friendship we want and will earnestly strive to deserve, we tender this

GREETING:

May your Christmas be a Merry one; May the New Year be a prosperous and fruitful one; May joy and recompense come to you; May it be our privilege to add to your success.

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Vice President.

A. J. LINDSTROM,
Cashier.
W. C. JOHNSTON,
Assistant Cashier.
L. J. GREEN,
Assistant Cashier.

TRAFFIC OFFICER HAS TRYING TIME

Pedestrians of Moline Are Being Asked to Turn a Square Corner and Trouble Is the Result.

The present holiday season is not a happy one for the Moline traffic officer stationed on the corner of Fifteenth street and Fifth avenue. A new ruling has gone into effect that pedestrians must follow the crossing line instead of cutting diagonally across the intersection.

Traffic has become so congested at that corner that it has been deemed advisable to have the officer give the order, "Make the crossing square."

It is very apparent that Moline's idea of a square resembles a semi-circle. True, they all heed the warning cry and uplifted hand of the policeman, and then make a semi-circle around him, evidently being possessed of the surprised thought that he has suddenly lost his senses.

After a few weeks the officer hopes to get them trained. But in the meantime he is losing weight.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Suit for divorce was today filed in circuit court by Mrs. Hattie E. Strayer against her husband, Frederick L. Strayer, who resides at Strayer's crossing, South Rock Island. Cruelty and statutory grounds are charged. They were married in Clinton, Iowa, May 25, 1914. They separated Dec. 1, 1915. Mrs. Strayer charges in her bill that her husband owns a home and lot at Strayer's crossing and seven vacant lots in this city, all to the value of \$5,000. She also avers that in addition to this he owns a milk business and auto delivery wagons. She states that the business nets him about \$1,200 yearly profits. She charges in her petition that he has threatened to dispose of the property to avoid paying her alimony and she asks the court for an injunction to restrain him from disposing of his holdings. W. C. Allen represents Mrs. Strayer.

Mail Taken from Rotterdam.

New York, Dec. 24.—The steamer Rotterdam, arriving at New York today from Rotterdam and Falmouth, reported that while detained at Falmouth for two days the British authorities took 39 sacks of mail ashore, 18 sacks from Berlin, 11 from Constantinople and 10 from Sofia.

Captain Baron protested but was assured that after the mail had been censored it would be sent by another steamer.

Retired Lieutenant Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—James H. Bonfield, a retired lieutenant of police, who made a notable record in arresting the Haymarket anarchists, died at home here yesterday. He was 73 years old. He was regarded as among the best pioneer thief catchers in the west. Bonfield served on General McClellan's staff in the Civil war and was rewarded with a section of government land for his services.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

RAW PORK DANGEROUS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—There is always the possibility that illness may follow the eating of pork that is raw or not thoroughly cooked. The danger is greatest at this season of the year when many people prepare for home consumption various food products that are customarily eaten without cooking. More of these home made products are prepared at hog-killing time on the farm than at any other time.

American people as a rule prefer cooked pork, but there are many who, perhaps unknowingly, consume pork in an uncooked condition, either in the form of raw ham or uncooked sausages. In many localities considerable amounts of these products are made up and consumed at home, or distributed throughout the neighborhood. Large quantities of pork products intended to be eaten raw are also prepared commercially.

The disease known as trichinosis, which may result from eating raw pork, is caused by certain roundworms, called trichinae. These are microscopic in size and infest the flesh of hogs. The prevalence of trichinosis in hogs is indicated by the fact that during nine years, 1898-1906, when the carcasses of hogs were inspected microscopically by federal inspectors, of 8,000,000 carcasses so inspected, 1.41 per cent contained living trichinae and 1.16 per cent contained trichina-like bodies or disintegrating trichinae. In other words and in round numbers, trichinae were present in 1 out of 71 hogs, and if the presence of dead trichinae and trichina-like bodies is included, in 1 out of every 39 hogs.

Unlike many other infectious diseases, the severity of an attack of trichinosis depends upon the number of parasites swallowed. Large quantities of slightly infested pork must be eaten in order to produce appreciable effects. If severe illness follows the eating of a small amount of the meat, the pork must have been heavily infested.

In about 1,200 American cases of trichinosis, the most frequent sources of infection reported were raw sausage, 225 cases, raw ham, 213; raw pork (kind of product not specified), 185. The most serious outbreak of trichinosis in the United States in the number of persons affected was that of November-December, 1911, in California, in which 58 cases, with 1 death, resulted from summer sausage made by a farmer and peddled by him in the neighborhood.

Another outbreak occurred in Wisconsin about a year ago in which 21 cases, resulting in three deaths, developed in five families. Early in December a hog which had been on the farm of the first family for three years was slaughtered and part of the meat made into sausage. The next day some of the sausage was fried slightly and eaten. Two of the members of this family died. There were eight cases in three other families which procured some of the sausage immediately after it was prepared and ate it raw or imperfectly cooked.

To avoid trichinosis, no form of pork in the raw state, including dried or smoked sausage and hams, should be eaten. All pork used as food should be cooked thoroughly. If this is done the value or wholesomeness

remembered that fresh pork, or ordinary cured pork products are not safe as food unless properly cooked. It cannot be determined with certainty by inspection whether pork is free from trichinae, and the federal meat inspection mark does not guarantee the fitness of pork for food if it is eaten raw.

A practical rule for cooking pork is to cook it until it has lost its red color throughout all portions, or if a trace of this color is still present, at least until the fluids of the meat have become more or less jellied.

POSTOFFICE RECORD BROKEN IN MOLINE

With 25 extra employees the regular force working overtime and an extra auto truck and express wagon put into service this morning the Moline post office is too busy to concern itself with figures. That all Moline records were broken yesterday, Harry Olson, superintendent of mails, is certain.

LEARN DETAILS OF YOUNG MAN'S DEATH

Details of the accident in the Rock Falls Gas plant at Iowa Falls, Iowa, in which Frank Kramer, manager of the plant and well known in Moline, met death, were learned today from relatives who attended the funeral in Nevada, Iowa, home city of the unfortunate young man's widow. Kramer was imprisoned in one of the large tanks when he endeavored to rescue a companion. The accident occurred late Monday afternoon.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Christmas Shoppers

Don't forget that box of Huyler's. It is the one gift appreciated by all.

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